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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I ask what the object of giving kumki privileges is, if they are to be assigned without the consent of the wargdar ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That is a matter of opinion, Sir, really."

Assignment of kumki lands in Derebail village.

* 886-B Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total extent of S. No. 22 of Derebail village, Mangalore taluk, South Kanara district;

(b) how much of it is kumki;

(c) what is the portion already assigned out of it (i) which is kumki, (ii) which is non-kumki;

(d) to how many persons it has been so assigned;

(e) what are the terms of the grant;

(f) when were the assignments made;

(g) how many have built houses on it or otherwise complied with the terms of the grant;

(h) what is the remaining extent now, and how much of it is kumki and to how many owners they belong;

(i) whether it is a fact that even this extent of kumki is proposed to be assigned away to third parties;

(j) whether it is a fact that criminal force and intimidation are being or intended to be used by the local authorities to overawe the owners; and

(k) whether Government propose to stop this assignment of the kumki portion at once; if not, why not?

A.—(a) 68·80 acres, according to the Survey and Settlement Register of the village prepared in 1904.

(b) to (k) The Government have not the information asked for; they do not propose to call for a report or intervene in the matter unless any person interested appeals to them in the usual course.

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I ask why Government refuse to call for a report in respect of clauses (b) to (i) of the question, whatever may be said with respect to (j) and (k)?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Because it all depends on the circumstances of the case. If people who are aggrieved will appeal, we can take definite action and pass definite orders. A general report will take us nowhere."

Assignment of lands in the Vavveru reserve to the depressed classes.

*887 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have abandoned the idea of giving lands of Vavveru reserve in Nellore district to the depressed classes; and if so, why;